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THIS MESSAGE SENT FROM UDORN ACTION BANGKOK ON 27 APR 78
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QUOTE

1. CONREP TRAVELLED TO BUNG KAN, PHON PHISAI, AND MUANG DISTRICTS OF NONG KHAI PROVINCE APRIL 27 TO CHECK ON HMONG REFUGEE INFLUX. HE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:
2. BUNG KAN POLICE AUTHORITIES REPORT 88 HMONG, 11 LAO, AND 14 THAI DAM ARRIVALS DURING APRIL 19-26. SAME PERIOD SAW 190 HMONG, 6 LAO, AND 3 LAO-VIETS ARRIVE AT PHON PHISAI DISTRICT. HMONG REPRESENTATIVES AT PHON PHISAI CLAIM THAT TOTAL OF 17 REFUGEES WERE LOST THROUGH GUNFIRE AND DROWNING WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS MEKONG RIVER DURING PAST WEEK.

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3. HMONG REFUGEES CONTINUE TO AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY 200-250 ARRIVALS PER WEEK. OUR UNOFFICIAL TALLY OF TOTAL ARRIVALS SINCE MARCH 1 NOW STANDS AT 1980 RPT 1980. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBER OF HMONG ARE MOVING TOWARD MEKONG RIVER WITH INTENT TO SEEK REFUGEE IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE.

4. NONG KHAI PROVINCIAL DETENTION CENTER CURRENTLY HOLDS 1146

DETAINEES, MOSTLY HMONG WHO ARE IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION.
HOWEVER, PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE EXPEDITING PROCESSING
OF HMONG REFUGEES FROM THEIR BUNG KAN AND PHON PHISAI ENTRY
POINTS THROUGH THE DETENTION CENTER AND INTO THE REFUGEE CAMP.
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